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**Shahzad Musaddiq, 25, says his daily ride on the 183 has been disrupted by labour action taken by Winnipeg Transit employees while their union negotiates a new contract with the city.**

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# Homicide unit combs home

**CHARLESWOOD**

## Elderly woman found dead after possible home invasion

An elderly woman is dead after an apparent homicide in Charleswood Tuesday that may have been a home invasion.

A reliable source tells Metro Winnipeg an elderly woman was found in a house at 9 Cheltenham Cove just before 6 p.m. after a home invasion.

The woman was found deceased and had apparently been assaulted, said the source. As of press deadline, her body had not been removed from the house and homicide detectives were still on scene.

About a dozen police cars and one ambulance also remained on the scene.



**Members of the Winnipeg Police Service's Tactical Support Team move in on a home at 34 Bramble Drive Tuesday.**

SHAUN MCLEOD/FOR METRO

The Winnipeg Police Service's tactical support team later closed in on a house a few blocks away at 34 Bramble Dr. It was unclear if a person inside the house was a suspect in the apparent homicide, however, the team was there in relation to the homicide call on Cheltenham, said the source.

A spokesperson for the police would only say the homicide unit is investigating a serious incident at a home on Cheltenham Cove, and wouldn't confirm why police were called to the scene in the first place, or whether or not the raid at 34 Bramble Dr. is related. METRO

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# Sport for Life Centre gets major addition

QUALICO TRAINING CENTRE

**Local athletes rejoice about construction set for summer**

**Dave Baxter**  
Metro | Winnipeg



**I think this will give Manitoba athletes a huge advantage.**

Softball player  
Taylor Maidment

Construction of a massive new training centre in downtown Winnipeg is set to start this summer, and local athletes are already excited about what it will do for sport in the province.

On Tuesday, Sport Manitoba announced it had received a "significant" donation from real-estate company Qualico that will go toward the construction of a 120,000-square-foot training centre. It will be built as phase two of the Canada Games Sport for Life Centre on Pacific Avenue.

The Qualico Training Centre will house a multi-use court, an indoor running track and a large strength and cardio centre.

"This is huge," said 16-year-old softball player Taylor Maidment, who will compete for Team Manitoba this year in the Western Canada Summer Games.

"The weight room now is good, but when you get a lot of athletes coming in, it gets really crowded, and people sometimes

have to do sprints or agility work in the hallway."

The centre will also be used for the 2017 Canada Summer Games.

Sport Manitoba president and CEO Jeff Hnatiuk said he is excited not only about the centre's advantages for local athletes but also for what it will do for downtown Winnipeg.

"It is being developed for Manitobans of all ages and all skill levels, from our youngest kids to our highest-performing athlete destined to own the podium."

Hnatiuk said they are now ready to "put shovels in the ground this summer."



An artist's rendering of what the 120,000-square-foot Qualico Training Centre will look like.

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Melanie Wight METRO FILE

INNER CITY

## \$1.5M for the 'right to play'

The province says a \$1.5-million investment in recreation for youth will help level the playing field for kids who live in Winnipeg's inner city.

Children and Youth Opportunities Minister Melanie Wight announced the funding Tuesday and said the money will make the opportunities available in the inner city comparable to those in the suburbs.

"This funding means healthier, more engaged children across our city, regardless of their postal code," said Wight in a release. "Investing in these programs means investing in the future of all Manitobans by giving children and youth the chance to learn life skills and enjoy the right to play."

Part of the cash will support local recreation programming, leadership development and co-operative training at 84 sites downtown and in the North End, with a focus on the William Whyte and Dufferin neighbourhoods.

The funding will also be used as seed money for organizations to buy equipment, provide leadership training and to invest in site preparation. METRO



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## LAW ENFORCEMENT

# Police plan targets violent crime rate



The Winnipeg Police Service wants to do more with less over the next four years.

How they plan to do this is outlined in the service's 2015-2019 strategic plan, which was released Tuesday. One of the main goals is to reduce violent crime by 25 per cent by 2019, while working towards asking for budget increases that come in at the rate of inflation or less by 2017.

But reducing their annual operating budget — 85 per cent of which goes towards salaries and benefits according to the police's own numbers — won't happen without cooperation from the Winnipeg Police Association, said Chief Devon Clunis.

"I can tell you that particular piece of it will be a challenge," he admitted. "Much of this will have to be in consultation with our respective association because we also recognize...

a significant piece is attached to the collective agreement."

To help cut costs, the force plans to stiffen up their strategic direction by making sure the right people are in the right jobs, invest in information technology to improve efficiency, implement a culture of improvement throughout the ranks and collaborate with outside agencies and government to reduce the demand for non-core policing activities.

Other goals in the 20-page plan, the first written in partnership with the Winnipeg Police Board, include increasing engagement with the community and creating a healthy police organization.

## + FEEDBACK

The Winnipeg Police Board will be holding public consultation meetings throughout the city between May 25 and June 22 to get feedback from Winnipeggers.



Winnipeg Police Chief Devon Clunis speaks to media outside city hall Tuesday after releasing the force's four-year strategic plan. SHANE GIBSON/METRO



Insect Control Branch supervisor Ken Nawolsky said mosquitos will start showing up in Winnipeg in the next seven to 10 days.

DAVE BAXTER/METRO

# Winnipeg prepares for annual bug battle

## INSECT CONTROL

## City asks homeowners to aid in mosquito fight

Dave Baxter  
Metro Winnipeg

The battle against nuisance mosquitoes in Winnipeg is about to begin.

On Tuesday Insect Control Branch supervisor Ken Nawolsky said that because of

significant rainfall over the last 10 days, summer nuisance mosquitoes have hatched in water.

"This is a very significant rainfall that we had," said Nawolsky. "I did scouting last night and this morning and saw significant amounts of water throughout the city."

He said 50-70 mm of rain fell in the last ten days.

With normal temperatures now expected for much of this week, the city expects the first generation of mosquitoes to start showing up in the next seven to 10 days.

Nawolsky did say the spring larviciding program was successful, and the most recent

# 50%

Insect Control Branch supervisor Ken Nawolsky says private properties hold up to 50 per cent of the city's standing water, where nuisance mosquitos tend to hatch.

trap counts were at zero, but with all the recent rainfall that is about to change.

Prepare for a "very significant emergence," he said, adding it will be worst in Assiniboia and Charleswood.

The city is currently using a biological larvicide to kill larvae, but Nawolsky said they will use Malathion if needed, despite last year's reports from the World Health Organization that it is possibly carcinogenic.

Nawolsky said crews are now working 16-hour days, but they need homeowners to help.

"We know private properties hold up to 50 per cent of the standing water," said Nawolsky.

People are asked to dump containers, drain eavestroughs, cover rainwater collection containers, fill low-lying areas, and, if possible, treat their own yards with biological larvicide.



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# Goldeyes manager says championship the goal

## BASEBALL

### Forney shuffles roster to fill hole left by Salamida

**Dave Baxter**  
Metro | Winnipeg

Watching players come and go from the Winnipeg Goldeyes roster is nothing new for manager Rick Forney, but no matter who's on the team, his expectations stay the same.

"We always have the hope that we are going to compete for a championship," said Forney.

"It's early and we're just getting started, but the goal is to be playing for that championship when we hit September."

Last year's Goldeyes squad went 63-37, snapping up the most regular season wins in franchise history, before going down in the first round of the playoffs to the Lincoln Saltdogs.

But less than half of last year's record-setting team came back for Goldeyes training camp this year, and the team got a shock when starting pitcher Chris Salamida made the last-minute decision to retire from baseball right before the exhibition season started.

"That's a very large hole to fill," said Forney. "Good starting pitchers like Chris, where you feel confident you will win every time he goes out there, are very hard to replace."

"We're forced to do some shuffling, but things happen in this league and we'll get through this."



Winnipeg Goldeyes manager Rick Forney said that despite changes in the team's roster from last season, he still has high expectations. COURTESY WINNIPEG GOLDEYES



**We always have the hope that we are going to compete for a championship.**

Rick Forney

Forney said the team could shuffle the guys they have to fill the hole left by Salamida's

retirement, but he also won't be afraid to look outside the organization for help.

"We are always looking outside to see if there is an upgrade available to us. While we evaluate our own, we constantly evaluate others and look around to see if there is something out there that is the missing piece to our puzzle."

The Winnipeg Goldeyes final-

ized their opening-day roster Tuesday and kick off their regular season Thursday when they face the Grand Prairie AirHogs in Grand Prairie. They play their first regular season home game at Shaw Park on June 2, when they face off against the Sioux Falls Canaries.

## WILD WEATHER

### Cleanup of city likely to take two weeks

The city is cleaning up after a wild long weekend that brought high winds, rain and snow to Winnipeg.

City forester Martha Barwinsky said despite winds that reached as high as 93 km/h in Winnipeg on Sunday, overall damage from the weekend weather was not as bad as expected.

"Overall the damage to the trees is relatively low," she said.

Barwinsky said as of Tuesday morning, the city had received 230 calls from residents about damage, with about 170 calls coming Sunday and Monday.

Calls ranged from brush pickup to fallen trees to more dangerous situations like split trees, or trees that had fallen on homes or roads.

She said the city had three crews working on the weekend to take care of any dangerous situations, and now they are focused on cleaning up.

"We have all of our chipper trucks out today, and we have crews out with trailers hauling material."

"Generally we usually see more damage in areas that have more mature trees, but overall it was just pretty even throughout the city."

The city now says they will likely need about two weeks to finish cleaning up, and they will prioritize how they do it.

"The first thing we will address is trees that are dangerous," Barwinsky said.

Trees or other debris that have fallen onto public spaces will be cleaned by the city, but homeowners who have had trees or other debris fall on their own property are responsible for the cleanup. Any reports of damage or dangerous situations resulting from the weekend storm can be made to 311.

DAVE BAXTER METRO

**230 calls**

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## TRANSIT

### Riders stuck waiting through labour action



**Shane Gibson**  
Metro | Winnipeg

The ongoing labour action taken by Winnipeg Transit drivers and mechanics is adding new weight to the wait times for some city bus riders.

Transit employees have been refusing voluntary overtime since late April, after talks between the Amalgamated Transit Union and the city over a new contract stalled.

The city warned late last week the action would result in "increased service disruptions and delays" starting Tuesday, and riders like Shahzad Musaddiq, 25, have felt the pinch.

"Sometimes it'll be anywhere between 10 and 15 late," Musaddiq said while waiting for the 183 bus at the Osborne Station after work Tuesday. "I've been leaving the house earlier and catching a different bus if I need to."

A representative from the



**I've been leaving the house earlier and catching a different bus if I need to.**

Rider Shahzad Musaddiq

union wasn't available Tuesday — Metro was told president John Callahan was in negotiations all day — but Callahan has previously said sticking points in the talks include pay, the number of drivers hired, and the fact those who are hired work split shifts that

leave them in uniform for up to 15 hours for eight hours of pay.

"Our goal is to prove a point that you can't run a system this lean. That you're dependent on overtime in order to get the service out," he said. "We don't want to inconvenience

the public any more than they are going to be inconvenienced by this."

Musaddiq said he doesn't mind making alternative travel plans if it helps the drivers.

"I just hope it gets resolved sooner than later," he said.

A city spokesperson said 25 routes were affected Tuesday.

Coun. Janice Lukes, who heads up the city's Infrastructure and Public Works committee said she couldn't discuss the issue while the city negotiates with the union.





Premier Greg Selinger declined to answer questions about severance payments to departed aides. METRO FILE PHOTO

# Selinger silent about aides' payout

## POLITICS

### Opposition peppers premier over severance pay

Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger refused to answer opposition questions Tuesday about severance packages given to seven of his former advisers.

He cited the need for confidentiality as he declined to reveal whether the \$670,000 in total severance pay was required under the workers' contracts, or something simply offered to them as they left.

"My understanding is that employment agreements are confidential matters between the employee and the employer," Selinger said near the end of an hour-long exchange with Progressive Conservative Leader Brian Pallister.

The premier parted ways in recent months with almost all of his top advisers, following an internal revolt last fall that ended with a leadership challenge in March that Selinger barely survived. Many of the advisers worked on the leadership campaign of Theresa Oswald, who came within 33 votes of toppling Selinger.

To date, details of only one severance package have been released — that of Liam Martin, who received \$146,000 after less than three years on the job. Details of the others

— including Selinger's former caucus director, issues management director, press secretary and more — cannot be disclosed due to legal advice, Selinger told the legislature.

Pallister asked whether the workers were entitled to severance pay under their contract, whether the workers received more than they were legally entitled to, and who advised the premier to keep the details confidential. Each time, Selinger said he could not respond, and would not name the lawyers who provided the legal advice.

"We get advice from our HR (human resources) people. They get legal advice, as they believe is necessary, as they proceed through these matters."

Pallister said the secrecy raises questions about whether taxpayers paid more than they should have for departing political staff.

"We can't see a copy of the contracts, even with the relevant personal data removed from it. All of this smacks pretty heavily of coverup."

Selinger said there will be some indication of the severance packages in the government's public accounts, which are issued every September and are required by law.

The books include total earnings by all government workers who earn more than \$50,000 a year, and reveal only the total amount paid, including salaries, severance pay and other monetary items.

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## CRIME

# Boy, 14, holds vigil for Teresa

People gathered Monday afternoon for a vigil at The Forks in Winnipeg for 11-year-old Teresa Robinson.

The girl's remains were found on a northern Manitoba reserve.

The vigil was organized by Kendal Wood, 14, a Winnipeg boy not much older than Robinson.

RCMP said Friday that Robinson's death on the Garden Hill First Nation is now con-

sidered a homicide.

Police said some people had believed she was killed by a bear.

But they said while the girl's remains were disturbed by animals, there was no evidence to suggest they played a role in her death.

Vivian Ketchum, who attended the vigil, says it was difficult as a mother and grandmother to deal with the tragedy.

"A child shouldn't be organizing a vigil for a little child," Ketchum told CTV Winnipeg.

"This is a little bit unreal to be watching."

Robinson was last seen leaving a birthday party on the reserve on May 5, six days before she was reported missing to the RCMP.

Police have made no arrests in the case.

CTV WINNIPEG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Man charged in shooting of Mountie in Whitehead

Manitoba RCMP have charged Clayton Ewert, 48, of Kemnay, with two counts of attempted murder, assault and uttering threats in the wounding of an officer Friday. The officer was shot after police responded to a report of an assault at a home in Kemnay, west of Brandon. The officer is expected to make a full recovery. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Quaid released after arrest

MONTREAL

## Actor had been hiding out after being denied residency

Actor Randy Quaid, who once claimed he was being hunted by "Hollywood star-whackers," was ordered released from a Montreal immigration detention centre Tuesday following more than two years of living under the radar.

Quaid, 64, was nabbed last Thursday in Montreal, where he's lived since January 2013, a month after finding out his bid for permanent residency in Canada had been denied.

He became the subject of a nationwide arrest warrant after he stopped checking in with the Canada Border Services Agency.

An Immigration and Refugee Board member authorized Quaid's release Tuesday after his father-in-law agreed to post a \$10,000 bond.

It was not immediately known if the money was handed over.

Quaid must abide by a number of other conditions, includ-

### + NO PASSPORT

Quaid also doesn't have a valid U.S. passport; he and his wife announced late last year they are suing U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and the State Department to recover passports the government revoked three years ago. A document filed Tuesday suggests the U.S. government is willing to give Quaid a temporary passport.

ing checking in with border-agency officials within 48 hours of his release and then every two weeks. He must tell them if he leaves Canada and he can't work without a valid permit. The actor is not admissible in Canada and could ask for a pre-removal risk assessment, which could prolong his stay. He has not done so.

Quaid and Evi, his Canadian wife of 25 years, fled the United States in 2010, saying they were victims of persecution.

The Quaid's arrived in Canada with a string of legal problems, but during Tuesday's hearing

were told that all of the charges against them were dismissed except for one — a burglary charge that Quaid claims is identity theft.

Sporting a massive beard and shoulder-length grey hair, Quaid apologized and indicated he's ready to return to the United States to deal with the case and ultimately return to Canada.

Quaid said he was devastated by the ruling against his residency bid in December 2012 and feared being separated from his wife, whose father is Canadian and enabled her to gain her citizenship.

A border-agency official saw Quaid coming in and out of a residence in Montreal, and police were asked to break down the door when no one would answer.

Board member Dianne Tordorf said that Quaid posed a flight risk given that he has failed to follow previous conditions but said she doesn't believe his detention is necessary.

Quaid is the older brother of actor Dennis Quaid and is perhaps best known for his roles in films such as National Lampoon's Vacation and Independence Day. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Randy Quaid, in this image from a closed-circuit TV monitor, appears at an immigration refugee board hearing in Montreal on Tuesday. SIDHARTHA BANERJEE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

### IN BRIEF

#### Péladeau tackles economic issues at national assembly

Head offices and job cuts were on Pierre Karl Péladeau's mind during his first questions as Opposition leader in Quebec's national assembly on Tuesday. Péladeau, who became leader of the Parti Québécois on Friday, asked Premier Philippe Couillard if he plans to intervene to better protect the province's head offices. The premier responded that Quebec's economic plan will continue to be effective.

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#### Couple bring adopted boy home from Pakistan

Waheeda and Ashfaq Afridi arrived in Saskatoon on the weekend with their son, Ajjab. The Afridis adopted the boy, a nephew, when he was born in 2010. Pakistan approved the arrangement, but Canada denied a permanent-residence application. Last November, the appeal division of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada granted Ajjab a sponsorship visa, but the paperwork took several more months.

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Bank of Canada governor Stephen Poloz spoke to the Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday about Canada's economic future. PATRICK DOYLE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Economic future still 'uncertain'

### BANK OF CANADA

### Rise in loonie and price of oil contributing to shaky situation

The recent rebound in oil prices and the exchange rate is adding to uncertainty about the direction of the country's economy, Bank of Canada governor Stephen Poloz said Tuesday.

Poloz told a business crowd in Prince Edward Island that the central bank will have to carefully monitor how companies and households react to such shifts and other financial developments over the coming months.

"Of course, I must underscore how uncertain the outlook is," Poloz said in a speech for the Greater Charlottetown Area Chamber of Commerce.

Poloz has said his fingers are crossed that the economy — still hurting from the late-2014 oil slump — will bounce back in the second quarter after he predicted zero growth for the first three months of this year.

But the governor pointed to recent increases in both oil prices and, to a lesser degree, the Canadian dollar as sources of further uncertainty.

The price of a barrel of oil recently climbed above \$60 US after dipping below \$50 as recently as March. But it's still far below its summer of 2014 high of about \$107.

The loonie dropped Tuesday to 81.75 cents but stayed above the

80-cent mark. It dipped close to 78 cents a couple of months ago.

Cheaper crude prices have a negative effect on Canada's huge energy sector, which is offset somewhat by lower pump prices that help consumers.

A lower loonie boosts revenues for exporters and helps them penetrate foreign markets.

"Recent events make it clear that we live in a very uncertain world," Poloz said.



**Recent events make it clear that we live in a very uncertain world.**

Stephen Poloz, Bank of Canada governor

Among those uncertainties is the performance of the United States economy, which Poloz has been counting on to provide a major boost for Canada. So far this year, the U.S. has fallen short of expectations.

Following his speech, Poloz said he still expects the American economy to start accelerating in the second half of the year, saying, "it's still very early days" in trying to determine what the second quarter might look like.

Poloz blamed temporary negatives, such as poor weather, for the slow start to 2015 in the U.S. He also said American consumers appear to be hanging on to some of the savings they accumulated from lower gas prices.

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### HEALTH

## Juice may get canned by Canada Food Guide

It appears that Health Canada may be considering a squeeze on fruit juice as a healthy dietary choice.

Under Canada's Food Guide, it's recommended that children and adults consume up to 10 servings of fruits and vegetables each day. Half a cup (125 millilitres) of 100 per cent fruit juice is among the recommended examples of a serving.

But obesity experts have

long argued that fruit juices should be removed from Canada's dietary bible because of their high sugar content and the number of pound-packing calories they contain.

The Food Guide came under attack at a recent obesity conference in Toronto, with some of the most vociferous criticism aimed at the inclusion of fruit juice as a healthy alternative to whole fruits. The director general of the federal office

of nutrition policy and promotion reportedly hinted during that meeting that Health Canada would be changing its stance on fruit juices.



"You won't be seeing that anymore, and there will be a fair number of new materials coming out in the next few months," Hasan Hutchinson is quoted as saying by the Canadian Medical Association Journal.

Health Canada would not

confirm Tuesday whether the inclusion of fruit juice in the Food Guide is under review or if a decision has already been made to remove it as a recommended option.

Dr. Yoni Freedhoff, medical director of the Bariatric Medical Institute, likened a serving of juice to a glass of water to which "five teaspoons of sugar are added, plus a few smatterings of vitamins."


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**POLITICS PUBLIC SCIENTISTS DECRY MUZZLING** A pile of unused placards sits upside down during a rally at Tunney's Pasture in Ottawa on Tuesday. The rally, held by federal unions, was to protest the muzzling of Canada's public scientists and partisan interference in the development of public science. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Ontario police probe RCMP handling of long-gun registry

Allegations of RCMP wrongdoing related to the illegal destruction of long-gun registry records are under investigation by the Ontario Provincial Police.

It's the latest twist in an unprecedented battle between the Conservative government and an independent officer of parliament whose job is to safeguard Canadians' access to government records.

Information commissioner Suzanne Legault issued a special report last week revealing she'd recommended in March that charges be laid against the RCMP for the destruction of long-gun registry records that were part of an active investigation.

### + PM COMMENTS

PM Stephen Harper has said the Mounties were just respecting the will of Parliament when they destroyed gun records that were subject to an active access-to-information request and investigation by the information commissioner.

The Harper government responded by retroactively rewriting the law, backdating the changes and burying the amendment in an omnibus budget bill.

Legault calls that a "perilous

precedent" that could be used by governments to retroactively rewrite laws on everything from spending scandals to electoral fraud.

While the Conservatives press ahead with an omnibus bill that will retroactively erase the offence from the books, Justice Minister Peter MacKay's office has confirmed that it sent Legault's findings to the Public Prosecution Service of Canada, which in turn handed the file over to an investigative agency.

"It will be looked at by a senior investigator," said Sgt. Peter Leon of the OPP, confirming an investigation will take place.

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# Licence to grow

OTTAWA

## President of university behind medical weed company



**Haley Ritchie**  
Metro | Ottawa

University of Ottawa president Allan Rock and his family are behind a budding new business venture — now all they need is a licence from the federal government to grow medical marijuana.

Corporate documents obtained by Metro show Rock, his wife Deborah Hanscom and their two children have started a business called RockGarden Medicinals Inc.

On its website, the company says it aims to become "a trusted supplier of premium medicinal marijuana."

Before they can do that, however, Health Canada needs to grant them a licence to grow medical marijuana — something Hanscom, who is the company's chief executive officer, says is still up in the air.

"Right now we're not close to having a licence to produce, and there's other applicants in the community in our position," she said.

Hanscom, who uses medical marijuana herself to treat chronic pain, says obtaining a license is taking longer than



**University of Ottawa president Allan Rock is seen in this file photo. Rock and his family are trying to obtain a licence from Health Canada to grow medical marijuana.** LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

expected because Health Canada is still getting its rules and regulations sorted out.

"Everyone needs to keep a site available, there's a cost to keeping people who will be your professionals, keeping shareholders interested in the uncertainty," she said. That has left the company in limbo.

The family incorporated two companies in 2013 and 2014, corporate records show.

One of them — an Ontario numbered company — lists Rock as its president and as one of its directors. His name does not appear on the corporate filings of the second company, RockGarden Medicinals (2014) Inc.

Both companies list 259 McLeod St. in downtown Ottawa as their business address.

Property records show Rock and Hanscom bought the property in March 2014.

Hanscom says the numbered company owns the building where RockGarden Medicinals hopes to eventually grow medicinal marijuana.

The other company han-

dles RockGarden Medicinals' business operations, she said.

But Hanscom says her husband — who held the justice and health portfolios in the Liberal government of former prime minister Jean Chrétien — is not involved in the marijuana-growing side of the business.

"He's not involved in the business, but other members of our family are involved, that's where the name comes from," she said.

Rock — whose term as president and vice-chancellor of the University of Ottawa comes to an end next year — did not respond to a request for comment on Tuesday.

Hanscom says she has enjoyed the experience of starting a medical marijuana business, even if it never gets off the ground.

"I don't know if the yellow brick road will ever have an ending," she said. "It's been a great experience, but it's still a real work in progress."

Health Canada has yet to respond to a request for comment.

**“It's been a great experience, but it's still a real work in progress.”**

Deborah Hanscom, CEO of RockGarden Medicinals Inc. and wife of Allan Rock



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**VICTORY DAY JUMBO CELEBRATION** Sri Lankan police march with an elephant during a Victory Day parade in Matara, Sri Lanka, Tuesday, marking the sixth anniversary of the civil war victory over ethnic Tamil separatists. NISHAN PRIYANTHA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Teacher ordered to have abortion

## CHINA

### Permission for second child is invalid where she now lives

A schoolteacher who gained permission to have an additional child in her hometown in one Chinese province has been ordered to have an abortion because the province where she is teaching has different rules, a family planning officer confirmed Tuesday.

The case illustrates how different areas have different family planning regulations and how unyielding China's

birth limits continue to be despite a recent loosening in the 35-year-old policy to allow more couples to have two children.

Both pregnant Qin Yi and her husband Meng Shaoping had a daughter with their previous spouses, so the newly married couple is not allowed to have their own child according to Guizhou province's regulations, the education bureau and health and family planning commission in Guizhou's Libo county said in a notice Monday.

Qin must have an abortion by the end of the month or she will be fired from her job, said the notice circulated online and carried by a local newspaper, which reported that Qin was

five months pregnant.

An officer from the county's health and family planning commission confirmed the case.

Qin and Meng applied for permission to have a child from authorities in Huangshan city in eastern Anhui province, where her residency is registered, said the officer.

The authority is investigating whether Qin transferred her residency to Anhui earlier this year in order to gain permission to give birth, said the officer.

Anhui province allows couples to have a child if they don't have more than two children from previous marriages.

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## IN BRIEF

### Bakery feeling the heat for nixing pro-gay cake

A Belfast bakery has been found guilty of discrimination for refusing to bake a cake bearing the slogan "Support Gay Marriage."

In Tuesday's ruling, Belfast Judge Isobel Brownlie called the bakery's cancellation of the order "direct discrimination for which there can be no justification." The judge said the bakery was a business, not a religious organization. She didn't immediately specify a punishment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## TRAFFIC SIGNALS

### It's not a stick man's world any more

Instead of the usual stick man, the lights show couples — a man and a woman, two women or two men. Set up recently at 47 crossings in Vienna, they were to be taken down in June, after the end of several gay-friendly events.

But Vienna councilwoman Maria Vassilakou, in charge of traffic issues, says they will now remain.

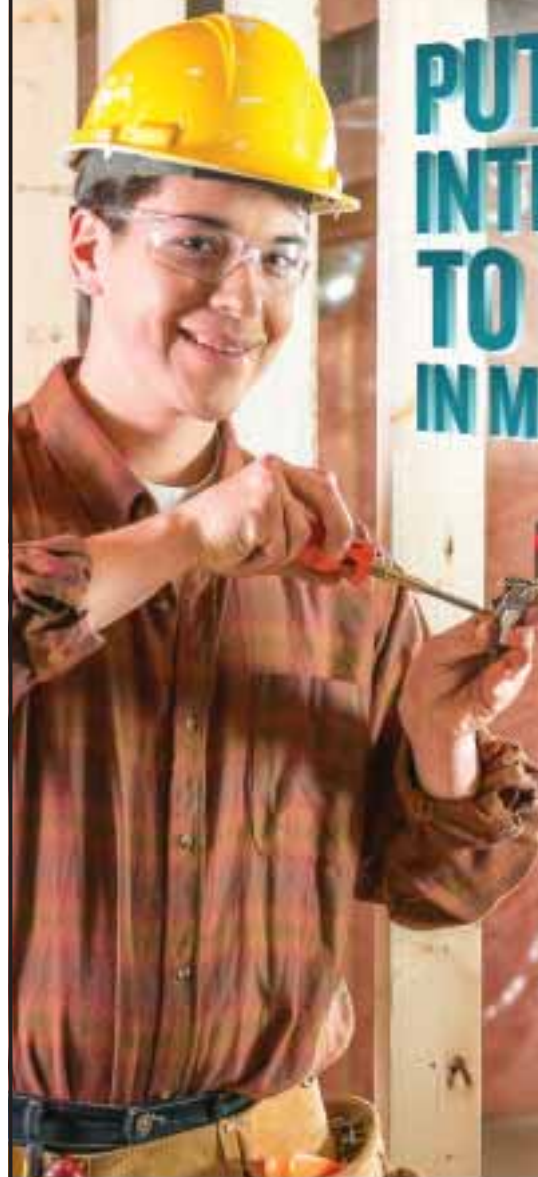
The right-wing Freedom Party says it will lodge a criminal complaint against Vas-

silakou for allegedly contravening traffic regulations and wasting taxpayers' money at a cost of 63,000 euros (\$70,000).

But a Facebook page calling for them to be kept has gathered more than 20,000 likes.

In Germany, Munich's city council voted to install traffic signals based on those in Vienna. "This is an important signal, in the truest sense of the word, against homophobia," said councillor Christian Vorlaender. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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An Italian Coast Guard ship carrying migrants arrives at Pozzallo's harbor near Ragusa, Sicily, Italy, Tuesday. European Union nations approved plans Monday for a naval operation that will go after the human trafficking networks that are sending thousands of migrants weekly across the Mediterranean toward Europe or to their deaths. CARMELO IMBESI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## EU plan risky: Experts

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING

#### Plan aims to systematically destroy vessels of smugglers

Experts say the European Union's plan to disrupt the business of human traffickers and destroy their boats in the Mediterranean is a short-term deterrent that is likely to be dangerous, costly and tough to implement.

Faced with a rising death toll of migrants trying to cross the Mediterranean to get into Europe, the EU wants to launch a military operation next month to "destroy the business model" of the smugglers to coincide with

the migrant high season. The operation will progressively include surveying smuggling routes, searching and boarding possible smuggling boats and eventually, possibly destroying those boats.

However, experts voiced concern Tuesday about the plan's real impact on smugglers — saying it could be just a media show to demonstrate EU determination to stop these perilous sea voyages.

The operation is still in the planning stage and requires a UN Security Council resolution and some consent from Libya, the major departure site for smugglers, for its full implementation to be legally sound. It will involve European navy ships, drones and satellite imagery.

"Having this aggressive mil-

itary action is really sound and fury," said Tuesday Reitano from the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime. "It's going to cost a lot, it's going to look very impressive, with naval boats patrolling up and down, but it's certainly not going to have a long-term impact."

According to a planning document, the aim is "to disrupt the business model of the smugglers" by systematically destroying their main assets: boats.

Some of the simple boats though, many of them inflatable, might be easily replaced. Others have been designed to be abandoned, like the cargo ship programmed to ram into Italy's shore.

But some may be tougher to replace, raising costs and con-

### + SMUGGLERS

Authorities won't seek charges of illegal detention against two alleged smugglers in connection with a Mediterranean shipwreck believed to have killed more than 800 migrants, a prosecutor said Tuesday. Survivors of the tragedy initially said the smugglers had locked hundreds of migrants in the hold, but prosecutor Giovanni Salvi said authorities have since determined that the doors were closed but not locked.

vincing fishermen to no longer make their vessels available to smugglers.

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### ISIL

## Iraq responds to capture of Ramadi

As it moves to try to reverse the stunning loss of Ramadi, the capital of Iraq's largest Sunni province, the Shiite-led government is hamstrung by the sectarian politics it has failed to overcome ever since the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) began its rampage more than a year ago.

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi vowed Tuesday to arm Sunni tribesmen to help retake Ramadi, a plan the United States has encouraged to better empower the minority community in the fight to defend their cities and to reduce their support for the Sunni extremists.

But the pledge met immediate skepticism from Sunnis, given that similar promises after ISIL militants seized the northern city of Mosul last summer were barely implemented.

It also met quick resistance from Shiite rivals within al-Abadi's own government, who oppose arming Sunnis.

At the same time, the government was rallying Iranian-backed Shiite militiamen to

join the offensive, raising the prospect of dangerous frictions in a country that was nearly torn to pieces by bloody Shiite-Sunni violence from 2006-2007. Though the Shiite militiamen have been crucial to reversing other losses to ISIL militants, they have also been accused of abuses against Sunni residents of those areas.

About 3,000 Shiite militiamen have deployed near Ramadi, most in the Habbaniya military base and the town of Khaldiya, east of the city. Others deployed on routes from Anbar province toward southern Iraq to prevent any ISIL attempt to advance on Shiite holy sites there.

On Sunday, security forces and Sunni militiamen — who had been battling the extremists in Ramadi for months — collapsed as ISIL fighters overran the city. The militants gained not only new territory 115 kilometres west of Baghdad, but also large stocks of weapons abandoned by the government forces as they fled.

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### AMTRAK DERAILMENT

## Unions want another crew member on board

Railroad unions are urging Amtrak to put a second crew member in locomotives in the wake of a deadly derailment last week in Philadelphia.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen and SMART Transportation say an engineer and an additional crew member would serve as a check and balance on each other.

Engineer Brandon Bostian was alone in the locomotive of Train 188 when it derailed May 12, killing eight people

and injuring about 200.

Investigators are looking into why the train was going more than double the 50 mph limit around a sharp curve.

The unions say Amtrak hasn't had a second crew member in the cab of Northeast Corridor trains since 1983, after Congress ended the requirement.

Also Tuesday, a lawyer for the lead conductor on the train says his client suffered a broken neck and broken back. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A masked demonstrator stands on a barricade in the Cibitoke neighborhood of Bujumbura, Burundi on Tuesday. JEROME DELAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Burundi refugees create health crisis

## SANITATION

### Cholera breaks out as village in Tanzania overwhelmed

Cholera and severe diarrhea have broken out among tens of thousands of refugees from Burundi who are jammed into a village in Tanzania on the edge of Lake Tanganyika, with the Burundians overwhelming the health infrastructure and sanitation facilities, aid agencies said Tuesday.

Between 500 and 2,000 people are arriving daily in the tiny fishing village of Kagunga, the World Health Organization said.

The refugees have abandoned their country because of fears of political violence in the run-up to June elections, in

which their president is seeking a third term.

His candidacy has triggered demonstrations for three weeks in Burundi's capital. Amid the chaos, military officers launched a coup last week, which failed within two days.

Kagunga's original population of 11,382 has increased to over 90,000 since April, WHO said in a statement. There is not enough safe water for drinking.

With Kagunga surrounded by mountains, the refugees must wait to board a 100-year-old ship and make the three-hour trip to the port of Kigoma, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) said. The ship is transporting 600 passengers twice daily.

The IRC said it is providing medical care in Kagunga, on the boat and at a transit camp in Kigoma. After making it to Kigoma, around 16,000 refu-

gees have moved on to Nyarugusu refugee camp, a journey of up to four hours by road.

Cases of acute diarrhea and cholera have been confirmed, according to WHO.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees office reported on Sunday that at least seven Burundian refugees had died of severe diarrhea.

Demonstrators in Bujumbura, Burundi's capital, say they will continue to protest until President Pierre Nkurunziza steps down at the end of his second term.

Burundi's constitution states a president can be popularly elected to a five-year term, renewable once.

Nkurunziza maintains he can run for a third term because it was parliament that elected him for his first one.

Opponents say a third term violates the constitution.

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## INMATE BUTLER

### Serving time — and the governor

Bobby Jindal's personal butler is known as the first worker to arrive at the Louisiana governor's mansion every day and the last to leave. He routinely works with the likely Republican presidential contender and his children.

"You can't get any closer to the governor than he is," the mansion's co-ordinator said.

He's also an inmate serving life for second-degree murder for stabbing his nephew — a sentence he wants a judge to reduce.

Harrison Cage is a prison

trustee, an inmate who is considered trustworthy by prison authorities and gets privileges such as working outside the penitentiary. Nationwide, governors often employ trustees to work in mansions.

Cage, 52, lives at the State Police Barracks and has worked at the mansion for eight years.

In 1992, a mistrial was declared in Cage's case. But a year later, a second Ascension Parish jury unanimously convicted Cage in the stabbing of Tyrone Clark.

On Monday, Cage asked

Judge Jessie LeBlanc to give his life sentence some kind of term, possibly 45 to 50 years, so he can seek parole under Louisiana law. LeBlanc took the case under advisement.

When asked whether Jindal thinks his butler should receive a reduced sentence, a spokeswoman said that his office cannot comment on court proceedings.

At the hearing, mansion co-ordinator Irene Shepherd testified that she'd be comfortable having Cage as her next-door neighbour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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## UNITED STATES

## Protesters push for immigrants' rights

Immigrants and advocates rallied on Tuesday in cities across the United States to push for a reprieve from deportation that has been blocked by a lawsuit.

The demonstrations aimed to mark the day when immigrants in the country illegally who are parents of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents would have been able to start applying for work permits and protection from deportation.

The program, announced last year by President Barack Obama, was put on hold after a coalition of 26 states sued.

Events were held in cities spanning from Miami to Denver in support of the programs aimed at protecting as many

as five million people.

In New York, about 100 people attended a demonstration, including 41-year-old Ecuadorean Lucia Freire. The mother of two Americans said she was counting on Obama's program to be able to drive and travel in the country where she has lived for a decade.

"I feel frustrated," she said, "I feel like no one supports us, the immigrants."

Several critics mounted a counter protest, where immigration enforcement proponent Joanna Marzullo blamed immigrants for using their children to gain permission to remain in the country.

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## CRIME

## Prostitute pleads guilty in drug death

A California prostitute charged with killing a Google executive with an overdose of heroin aboard his yacht pleaded guilty Tuesday to involuntary manslaughter and administering drugs.

A Santa Cruz County Superior Court judge sentenced Alix Tichelman — who has dual Canadian and American citizenship — to six years in prison under a plea deal that included reducing a manslaughter charge.

Authorities say Tichelman injected Forrest Timothy Hayes with heroin in November 2013 then left when he passed out.

Hayes had hired Tichelman before and they were doing drugs and having sex the night he died, authorities said.

Defence attorney Larry Biggam said Tichelman is expected to serve only three years. "It was an accidental overdose between two consenting adults," the lawyer said.

The high-end call girl was arrested eight months after Hayes' death. A surveillance video showed her gather her belongings and casually step over Hayes' body before leaving the yacht the night before the body was discovered.

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Rescue workers probe the site of the Germanwings crash site near Seyne-les-Alpes, France, in March. The remains of the 150 victims are being turned over to their families for burial. LAURENT CIPRIANI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

# Remains of air crash victims all identified

## AIRBUS IN ALPS

## DNA profiles matched based on materials from families

The remains of all 150 victims of the Germanwings plane crash in the French Alps will be turned over to their families for burial now that investigators have completed the process of identifying them.

Marseille Prosecutor Brice

Robin said Tuesday that death certificates for everyone aboard the doomed Airbus A320 jet have been signed and turned over to officials at German airline Lufthansa, parent company of the low-cost airline.

Authorities say co-pilot Andreas Lubitz intentionally crashed the Barcelona-Dueseldorf flight into a mountain, but are still puzzling over why.

Investigators say Lubitz, who had suffered from suicidal tendencies and depression in the past, locked the captain out of the plane's cockpit on March

24 and sent the Airbus hurtling into a mountain, killing everyone on board.

Not a single intact body was found. Investigators collected all the human remains from the site about a week after the crash, then spent weeks carefully matching them with DNA profiles of the passengers and crew.

The matches were based on material provided by their families — dental and surgical records, tattoos, hairbrushes, toothbrushes.

Robert Tansill Oliver, the fath-

er of victim Robert Oliver Calvo, said he and his wife received notification DNA was matched with remains of their son.

The elder Oliver, a retired American teacher who has lived in Barcelona since the 1960s, said he had no complaints about the length of time it took to complete identification.

"I'm happy they have taken their time," Oliver said.

"I hope they have done the job correctly. Better to get it done right than quickly."

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## GEORGIA

## Moscow a constant 'threat'

Russia is poised to use its armed forces to expand further into former Soviet states, Georgia's president said Tuesday, calling on the West never to accept any Russian aggression.

Russia's 2008 war with neighbouring Georgia and its seizure of Crimea from Ukraine in 2014 showed that Moscow is ready to exploit any instability in countries it still considers in its sphere of influence, President Giorgi Margvelashvili said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"They are the fastest and the first to bring in their tanks," he said. "So that's why we can say that half of the Eurasian continent is living under constant threat. If they have some kind of unstable environment in their country, their sovereign country, the neighbour will be quick to solve the problem through Kalashnikov(s)."

Georgia, which aspires to join the 28-nation European Union and NATO, is a member of the EU's Eastern Partnership, which holds its annual summit this week in Riga, Latvia.

Margvelashvili said Georgia still feels the military threat from Russia after losing 20 per cent of its territory to Russian-supported separatists after the 2008 war.

Just as in Georgia in 2008, Margvelashvili said, Russia exploited instability in Ukraine to seize Crimea in March 2014 and foment an armed rebellion in Ukraine's Russian-speaking east.

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# Wounded soldiers proof Russia is at war: Ukraine

## DENIAL

## Moscow says any fighters in Donbass area are volunteers

Lonely and hurting, two men lie in narrow beds in a Kyiv hospital as controversy swirls around them.

The men say they are Russian soldiers who were captured and wounded while on active duty in the rebellious east. Ukrainian authorities say they are definitive proof that Russia is at war in Ukraine, and Moscow hotly denies the claims.

Representatives of Amnesty International and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, which has shepherded a shaky ceasefire in eastern Ukraine, visited the men Tuesday and found them apparently in reasonable condition.

"I got professional medical aid, surgery. To my relatives, I want to say everything is fine with me, I'm alive and well," said one, who identified himself as Yevgeny Yerofeyev, a captain in the Russian army.

"I'm missing my family and relatives so much," the other, Sgt. Alexander Alexandrov, told reporters who accompanied the international representatives.

In video statements posted by the Ukrainian Security Ser-



Sgt. Alexander Alexandrov, left, and Capt. Yevgeny Yerofeyev of the Russian special forces lie in military hospital beds, in Kyiv, Monday. The two wounded Russian soldiers say they were captured while fighting in war-torn eastern Ukraine as Moscow once again firmly denied any involvement in the fighting. MARKIYAN LUBKIVSKIY FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



vice, the men say they were taking part in a reconnaissance operation in the Luhansk region Saturday when they were fired on, wounded and captured.

Both say they were members of an army brigade based in the Russian city of Togliatti and had been deployed in Ukraine for more than a month.

Smirnov said he was part of a battalion of 220 soldiers.

Throughout the year-long fighting in eastern Ukraine

in which at least 6,100 people have died, Russia has consistently denied assertions from Kyiv and the West that Moscow is providing soldiers and equipment to back up the pro-Russian rebels.

The statements by Yerofeyev and Alexandrov directly challenge that denial.

"We're dealing with real soldiers of the armed forces of the Russian Federation," said Ukrainian Security Service spokesman Markiyan Lub-

kivskiy.

Both the Kremlin and the Russian Defence Ministry reject the assertion that Yerofeyev and Alexandrov are Russian soldiers. A Defence Ministry spokesman said Monday that they were former soldiers; Russia has said that any Russians fighting in Ukraine are there only as volunteers.

Amnesty International's Ukraine spokesman, Bogdan Ovcharuk, was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying

the two men have asked to see the Russian consul. But no consular visit has been reported.

Pavel Felgenhauer, a Russian military analyst, suggested that Russia may try to work out an exchange for the two.

Felgenhauer also told The Associated Press that "The only person who could really make a decision to declassify any Russian involvement in Donbass (eastern Ukraine) is President Vladimir Putin."

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# Push on for paid sick leave

## EMPLOYMENT

### Big U.S. firms tweak policies to get ahead of new legislation

For Shannon Henderson, getting a cold or flu could be the difference between putting food on the table and going hungry. As a part-time customer service representative at a Walmart in Sacramento, Calif., Henderson is one of an estimated 40 million American workers for whom calling in sick is a luxury. If they don't work, they don't get paid.

Paid sick leave is the next frontier in the fight for the country's lowest earners. The debate has caught the attention of governments and companies alike.

U.S. President Barack Obama is calling for federal legislation that would require companies to guarantee workers paid sick days. And since San Francisco started requiring that in 2007, nearly 20 cities and three states — Connecticut, Massachusetts



Shannon Henderson poses outside the Walmart store where she works in Sacramento, Calif. She is one of about 40 million workers who don't get paid if they call in sick. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

and California — have passed similar measures. New York, Maryland and other states are considering laws, too. McDonald's Corp. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. both are making changes to their paid sick leave policies.

The new focus comes in

the face of wide disparities between the benefits received by the top and bottom rungs of the corporate ladder. Sixty-one per cent of U.S. workers get at least one paid sick day, according to a survey conducted last year by the Bureau of Labor

Statistics.

But only 20 per cent of workers whose wages are in the bottom 10 per cent get paid sick leave, compared with 87 per cent in the top 10 per cent. Also, 74 per cent of full-time workers get paid sick leave,

**“I'm super-afraid of getting sick.”**

Shannon Henderson

while 24 per cent of part-time workers do, according to BLS.

Despite the disparities, some industry groups are fighting against laws requiring sick leave pay. Many companies are leaning toward policies that lump together sick, personal and vacation days.

Big companies are changing their paid sick leave policies ahead of legislation.

Walmart said within a year it would end the one-day wait for sick pay for all full-time U.S. workers. A spokesman said the company is reviewing its sick policy for part-time workers.

McDonald's is taking a different approach by lumping together personal and sick days. Starting July 1, full-time and part-time workers at company-owned restaurants will begin to accrue personal paid time off after one year of service that can be used for sick leave. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Insolvencies rising in Canada, report finds

The number of Canadians who can't pay their debts and are being forced into insolvency is on the rise for the first time since the recession, according to a report by CIBC. The bank says the cumulative number of insolvencies rose by 1.2 per cent in the six-month period ended in February. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### Oil and gas sector could lose 185,000 jobs: Study

A new study by Enform's labour market division says shrinking budgets in the oil and gas industry could lead to as many as 185,000 direct and indirect job losses this year in Canada. It says engineering construction firms are the most vulnerable. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### New MacBook Pro, iMac

Apple is introducing an updated MacBook Pro laptop, starting at \$1,999 US, and a new \$1,999 US iMac desktop computer.

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## MEAT LABELLING LAWS

# U.S. lawmakers introduce bill to avert trade war

A group of U.S. lawmakers hopes to move swiftly in an effort to avoid a trade war with Canada.

Members of a congressional committee have introduced a bill that would repeal American meat-labelling standards.

The move from the House agriculture committee came a day after the World Trade Organization found the standards violated international trade law. Canada and Mexico are seeking to slap tariffs on a wide range of American

goods, unless the U.S. Congress changes the rules.

The new bill would repeal the requirement that beef, pork and poultry sold in the U.S. be labelled with the country where the animals were born, raised and slaughtered.

Canada and Mexico blame the rule for reducing exports and major business groups in the U.S. also criticize it for complicating the sorting process. The Canadian government said Tuesday it is serious about retaliation.

The sponsors of the American bill expressed optimism that it would have enough votes to pass the House of Representatives and then also the Senate, where adoption could be a bit trickier.

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## THE BIG THING: CANNES TAKES A STAND ON HIGH HEELS

**The ultra-fancy French film festival stepped on some toes this week after hosts turned several women away from movie premieres for wearing flat shoes instead of high heels. The resulting social media dust-up kicked off a debate about the rights to individual expression and comfort versus the obligation to respect the dress code of a private event.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**1 "Shoegate"** Backlash was quick after several older women reportedly were denied entry to Sunday's premiere of the film *Carol*, for wearing flat shoes. Asif Kapadia, director of the Amy Winehouse documentary *Amy*, tweeted that his wife temporarily was barred from his premiere for the same reason.

### 2 Cannes responds

There's long been a strict formal dress code at Cannes — men in tuxedos; women in evening dresses — but there's no specific rule about heel height, said festival spokeswoman Christine Aime. She said hosts were reminded of that after the controversy hit.

**3 Award for awkwardness** This hiccup came at a bad time, as Cannes has worked hard to embrace gender equality. A female director opened the event for the first time since 1987. The fest features female-driven films such as the thriller *Sicario*, with Emily Blunt, who said it's "disappointing" female festival-goers were expected to suffer for the sake of formality.

# For health and privacy, we must protect genetic data

## THE SCIENCE

**Stephanie Orford**



Earlier this month the Senate Human Rights Committee gutted a bill calling for a law against genetic discrimination in Canada. Instead of protecting Canadians from having their personal genetic information used against them, the bill now simply provides a definition of "disclose" and "genetic test," and protects no one.

More than 26,000 genetic tests are now available to the public. Many do-it-yourself tests, like those offered by mail from the California-based company 23andMe, cost less than \$200. As more Canadians elect to find out what their genetic blueprints say about them, Canada needs to protect their genetic information from being misused.

According to Senator James Cowan, who tabled the bill,

most other Western democratic countries have laws like this already. In 2003, the United Nations' scientific and cultural organization adopted the International Declaration on Human Genetic Data, which aims to prevent personal genetic information from being used against an individual or group.

Why isn't Canada on board? The insurance industry opposed the original bill banning genetic discrimination, Senator Cowan said in the Senate.

Really? Should business interests be the reason this principle fails to become law?

Many Canadians who are sick and in need of treatment could be helped by genetic testing.

But with no law to protect them, they might decide not to get tested.

They might fear repercussions from their insurance company or employers down the road, if their tests indicate they carry genes that predis-

pose them to a medical condition or disease.

Canadians may well decide not to get tested if there's a risk their insurance premiums will go up, or that they will be denied insurance.

Ironically, when a patient is able to catch a genetic disease early through testing, they're often able to take preventative measures that reduce the potential cost of their care for everyone involved — including themselves, the government and their insurers.

Genetic discrimination could come from anywhere, not just insurance companies. Should a hospital be allowed to deny a surgeon a job if he or she were found to be at risk for tremor-causing Parkinson's disease? Would it be OK if a private school, whose reputation depends on its students' test scores, rejected a student who carried a gene related to dyslexia?

We should not leave these decisions for Canadian organizations to make for them-

**Should a hospital be able to deny a surgeon a job if he or she were found to be at risk for tremor-causing Parkinson's? Would it be OK if a private school ... rejected a student who carried a gene related to dyslexia?**

selves. As researchers discover more about the complicated human blueprint, Canadians will need increasing protection from discrimination that might arise from that information.

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

### metroview

## The government has to give us some facts before it spins them

There's spin, and then there are facts.

And while I don't mind Stephen Harper's heavy messaging, it's scary how little actual information we're fed.

Take government scientists, muzzled by what one prominent biologist called the Conservatives' "control issue."

Yesterday, scientists in Ottawa and elsewhere rallied to protest restraints that keep them from talking to the media. Cuts to research mean policies will be based on ideology in the absence of science, they argue.

Biologist Steve Campana (now retired), described a fear among scientists. As veterans like him retire to escape the toxic environment, there will be a hollowing-out of expertise and a "death spiral for government science," he told media.

Of course, Harper is concerned we get his messages. Conservative talking points are so tightly worded he might as well use wind-up dolls. I'm not upset that he holds his MPs so close they must know what deodorant he wears. Spin, after all, is a part of government.

But this is about silencing research that we pay for. And it goes far beyond science.

A recent Toronto Star editorial accused Harper of silencing numerous watchdogs, including ones who overlooked the budget, nuclear energy and veterans affairs.

In Kill the Messengers:

Stephen Harper's Assault on Your Right to Know, published this year, author Mark Bourrie argues Harper's control over MPs and bureaucrats makes officials accountable to the PM's agenda, not the electorate.

We've got a National Press Theatre, but you'd never know it, since Harper barely bothers with the press. And his attendance at question period has dwindled to less than one third of the time, the National Post reported this weekend.

Meanwhile, our Access to Information Act feels more like the Failure to Access Information Act. It's more a "shield against transparency," Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault said ahead of a report released in March.

And it's a joke: last year, the Privy Council Office redacted even Prime Minister David Cameron's name before releasing details of his 2011 visit (agenda items were also blacked out).

To quote Campana: "when you go to the extent of silencing just talking about facts, that just doesn't make any sense." And it doesn't make for a good democracy.

If it must, the government can spin the facts I already have on hand — because it gave them to me. Without those facts, I can't properly judge its actions.

Besides, it's my information.

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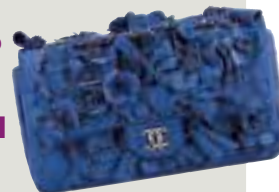
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NOTHING STRENGTHENS AUTHORITY SO MUCH AS SILENCE.

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# Back to basics

From canning to condo-raised quail, a movement is bringing the country to city living



**Scientists and urban homesteaders Michelle Nelson and Chris Mull**  
ALISON PAGE/THE URBAN HOMESTEADING COOKBOOK

**Laura Boast**  
Metro | Life

So you want to go back to the land, raise livestock, harvest crops.

Like most city folk, however, your head's in the clouds, 20 storeys up, nowhere close to a home with a garden, let alone farmland. It's impossible, you think.

Far from it, say the authors of three new cookbooks. Your dream is as close as your kitchen.

All three are pioneers of urban homesteading, a movement reviving the hands-on skills of farm living — and eating — in the heart of the city. It's everything from growing herbs on your windowsill to raising quail and collecting your eggs for breakfast.

"Everything DIY, it's really rewarding," says Aimée Wimbush-Bourque, creator of Simple Bites blog and author of Brown Eggs and Jam Jars. "People are rediscovering the joy of using their hands again."

For Wimbush-Bourque and her husband, it's about teaching their children self-sufficiency, and how much fun that can be. They even tap their own sugar maple tree in Laval, Que., to make maple syrup.

Urban homesteaders come from all walks of life. Camilla Wynne, author of Preservation Society: Home Preserves, went from playing in an indie rock band to making delicious jams, jellies and preserves at her company Preservation Society in downtown Montreal.

"A lot of urban people don't have direct contact with farms and nature and things like that," says Wynne. "People working in offices, it connects them with the parts of our lives that are missing."

One thing that connects all urban homesteaders is a taste for whole foods — in some cases, extreme whole foods.

Michelle Catherine Nelson, author of The Urban Homesteading Cookbook, is a practitioner of that approach. Like the rabbits she raised in the living room of her downtown Vancouver condo — not as pets,

but ingredients. She believes foodies are leading the way.

"There's a desire for home-made, artisanal food," says Nelson, a conservation biologist on the West Coast. "Some of it is esthetic — like craft beer is cooler because it's craft beer — and some of it is about the quality."

## It's good for the planet

All three women agree that making food and drinks from scratch is not only good for your taste buds and pocketbook, but for the planet.

"Eating local (year-round) is not super easy, unless you're canning," says Wynne.

Urban homesteading takes less energy than factory-scale farming, and reduces food transportation costs down to walking across the living room to your balcony to harvest tomatoes.

## Anyone can do it

Even if the closest you've been to a farm is a petting zoo and you grew up on processed food, these pioneers say you can champion the urban homesteading movement.

Nelson recommends YouTube instructional videos and online forums as learning tools. They're not just practical resources — they can provide a sense of community, something you may need starting out, along with a supportive partner.

"A huge part of my being able to do this is my partner (Chris)," Nelson says. "When I started three years ago, (it seemed) nobody was doing any of this stuff.... But Chris was like, 'Let's do this.'"

## Education

Of course, if you're planning on raising livestock, even micro-livestock like quail, you need to educate yourself on local bylaws. You may be pleasantly surprised. Wimbush-Bourque reports that residents of Westmount, Montreal's most tony neighbourhood, are allowed to keep chickens.

Wynne, who offers classes in canning and preserving at her company Preservation Society, says it's important to seek a mentor, or take a class, to ensure more successful experiments.

# 5 TIPS FOR THE URBAN HOMESTEADER

LAURA BOAST/METRO



## 1 Why it's called preserving

Camilla Wynne, owner of Preservation Society, says food that is properly canned will keep for a very long time.

Colour, flavour and texture degrade over time, Wynne says, but that's it. She argues that some preserves like marmalade improve with age, like wine, as their flavours deepen.



## 2 Yes, you can

Keep things simple when you first start canning.

"I tell people to start with refrigerator pickles," says Aimée Wimbush-Bourque, author of the recipe book Brown Eggs and Jam Jars. "They're easy."

Camilla Wynne says fruits like peaches and raspberries are also a good bet because there is sufficient acid for food safety (fruit is acid). "Add spices, herbs, honey or liqueurs to amp up the flavour," she says.

**BE SAFE:** Follow the proper procedure for canning. That's where a class or a mentor can come in handy.



## 3 Picnic on the lawn

If growing crops on your apartment balcony is out of the question, you can forage for free food around your apartment building or your friend's back garden, says conservation biologist Michelle Nelson. Take dandelions, for instance. Europeans settlers planted them as an edible plant. The same is true of a lot of weeds found in lawns across the country. "People forget they're food," she says.

**BE SAFE:** Don't eat weeds treated with pesticides. Nelson is putting out a foraging guide with 30 edible weeds.



## 4 If you can't beat 'em, eat 'em

Nelson suggests that more daring locavores might want to join the Invasive Food Movement. It's a way to bite back against invasive plants and animals that are out-competing native species.

Have a hankering for escargot? Find some invasive European garden snails, taking over gardens across the country. Japanese knotweed, now a pesky invasive plant, is an edible plant in the spring.

**BE SAFE:** Before you set out, get guidance on bylaws and safety of invasive species.



## 5 Get out of town

If you aren't ready to go whole hog, but want a taste of farm life, go ahead and get that taste, smell and touch — on a real farm. "So many farms now, if you call them up, they have specific visitors days, and you-pick-it days," says Wimbush-Bourque. "Farmers are wising up to the fact that city dwellers are looking for that connection to the land."

Wimbush-Bourque and her family enjoy visiting local country fall fairs for a day, packing a picnic, visiting the livestock and produce displays, and learning about the lifestyle.

## TRY IT



This recipe, from Aimée Wimbush-Bourque's recipe book **Brown Eggs and Jam Jars**, is the epitome of simple, whole food. If you've got chives growing in a container garden on your balcony, or a friend with chives in the garden, you can make this.

## Radish chive butter

Makes ½ cup (125 mL)  
(This butter will keep, covered and refrigerated, for up to 2 days)  
• ¼ cup (60 mL) unsalted butter, room temperature  
• 4 radishes • 1 Tbsp (15 mL) chopped young chives  
• Flaky sea salt

**1.** Place butter in a small bowl. Using a microplane, grate radishes into the butter. Add chopped chives. Cream the mixture together with a sturdy spatula until it is a unified paste.

**2.** Transfer radish butter to a small serving dish and serve at room temperature with the sea salt for garnish.





Fish is a good source of the omega-3 fatty acids that are lacking in our diet. ISTOCK

# Casting your net for omega 3 fats

## NUTRITION

**Essential fatty acids are there for the eating in all kinds of food**

## WORD OF MOUTH

**Theresa Albert**  
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Is there something fishy about your beef?

If you haven't heard by now, you need to eat more fish than meat. But why? The science so far indicates that the fat balance in your body is critical to your health in terms of aging, inflammation and your own hormonal load.

Omega 3, 6, and 9 do a lot for you, and the Standard (North) American Diet

(ironically known as SAD for short) provides an imbalanced amount of 6s and 9s and not enough 3s.

Fish gives you 3s, but meat provides more 6s and 9s.

Enter beef breeding. In China, high omega-3 meat has been "successfully bred." It appears as though what the scientist have done is isolate a gene from a nematode worm which, when added to a cow's DNA, converts omega-6 fat to omega-3. Um, eww. Without belabouring the GMO topic, it seems like a bizarrely long way around to a simple end-point. There are more than a few ways to get a better balance of omega-3.

- Eat more omega-3 yourself. The best source is fish but you have additional options like: seaweed, seeds and nuts, fortified foods and supplements from fish or krill oil. No worms required.

- Choose animals that are fed foods like flax and seeds. There is evidence that fortifying them changes the fat composition for the animal, which in turn fortifies you.

- Reduce your intake of beef and other meats.

- Choose organic, wild or grass-fed meats when you do enjoy them. Fascinatingly, when animals forage on their natural diet of grasses, their fat balance skews toward more of the healthier 3.

- Choose organic or grass fed dairy whenever possible, it contains more DHA naturally. Or you can wait a bit for wormy meat...

Theresa is an on-camera food and health expert, nutritionist and writer who wants you to be in the know.

## PET NUTRITION

# Organic veggies for Fido



**Dogs can benefit from organic veggies like carrots and leafy greens.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Veterinarians are beginning to preach the gospel of gardening — primarily how organic fruits and vegetables can be used to improve the health of family pets.

Everything from carrots to leafy vegetables and fruit can be added to the cat or dog dish. That saves money on pet food, too.

"I'm seeing things like broccoli, cucumbers, apples and pears showing up in animal diets," said Dr. Eric Patrin, owner of the South Whidbey Animal Clinic in Clinton, Wash. "Many pet owners are using them as treats. Ten years ago, no way dogs would be getting that."

The No. 1 nutritional problem for pets today is that they're eating way too much, which leads to obesity, diabetes and arthritis, said Dr. Johnny Clark, who operates the Blue Mountain Animal Clinic in Luray, Virginia.

"You can't exercise your way off a bad diet," Clark said. "Go with smaller portions. And try introducing green beans. They're rich in fibre and don't have any unnecessary calories. They make a good filler and that's just the ticket for animals needing to lose weight."

Carrots, leafy greens, blueberries and blackberries also are great pet food additions and can be served up raw, steamed or sautéed.

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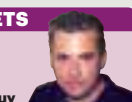


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## THIS SUMMER, TRY A DRINK THAT'S PINK

## LIQUID ASSETS

**Peter Rockwell**  
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Once upon a time, when a beverage craze arrived in Canada, it had already been drunk to death just about everywhere else on Earth.

Not so much anymore. With a relatively small, yet diverse, population, we're

a great tasting ground for liquid innovation, with many new trends beginning within our borders.

One that continues to elude us is an appreciation of rosé wines. Hotter than Hades in the U.S. and Europe, rosé is barely on our radar.

You can blame it on the weather, but I think we just can't get past the myth that real wine aficionados

don't drink pink.

Typically made with a blend of grapes, single varietal rosés have been making inroads into the mouths of Canadians.

Jacob's Creek 2014 Moscato Rosé (\$10.49 - \$13.49) is a blush version of the popular Aussie white, mixing plush, sweet flavours with a subtle edge of freshly crushed berry fruit. Relaxed and back-deck

ready, it's a great introduction to the variety and versatility rosés have to offer. Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.



## HEALTH NOTES

### Omega-3s help protect against Alzheimer's

A study by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has found that for adults at risk of developing late-onset Alzheimer's, consuming more omega-3 fatty acids could have a positive effect of cognitive flexibility.

Looking at 40 cognitively healthy older adults who were at risk of developing late-onset Alzheimer's, they found that those who consumed higher amounts of omega-3 fatty acids demonstrated greater cognitive flexibility — which refers to the ability to switch between tasks. AFP





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# Mirror gazing shows men the vainest of all

## SURVEY

**Males admire their reflection 23 times a day, females only 16**

Women are often portrayed as bathroom hoggers who spend hours in front of the mirror before leaving the house, but new research shows that men could actually be the vainer sex.

A survey of 1,000 British individuals by men's lifestyle e-tailer Avaj has revealed that men look at their reflection 23 times a day on average — compared to women, who check themselves out a mere 16 times.

And while the ladies are generally checking that nothing is out of place and worrying about love handles or stray eyebrow hairs, guys admit that most of the time when they check themselves out it is purely for the pleasure of admiring their favourite body parts.

On average, men confessed to spending 10 minutes per day looking at their reflection — amounting to over two days per year. A self-confident 11 per cent of male respondents even admitted to mirror gazing over 30 times a day.

When it comes to their favourite parts, the majority of guys are all about the guns, with 76 per cent checking out their arms. This is followed by their legs (54 per cent), their smiles



Men in the survey admitted to spending 10 minutes per day looking at their reflection — amounting to over two days per year of image gazing. ISTOCK

(49 per cent), their eyes (43 per cent), and their hair (38 per cent).

Overall, 82 per cent of men agreed that maintaining a good personal appearance was a key prerogative, with 67 per cent revealing they have three or more cosmetic products, and 34 per cent admitting to having used a female friend or family member's cosmetic products in the past. Nine percent use cosmetic products targeted at women regularly.

Tracey Denison, managing director at Avaj, said the behaviour



**It's also possible that the selfie trend is partially driving this rise in male vanity, as people become more used to celebrating their appearance**

Tracey Denison, managing director at Avaj

could be due to the increasing trend for selfies. "It's also possible that the selfie trend is partially driving this rise in male vanity, as people become more used to celebrating their appearance,"

she explained.

"Unfortunately, this doesn't seem to have seeped through to women as much, and they still seem to be the more self-conscious sex." AFP

## ANALYSIS

# Pop lyrics getting dumber and dumber

Lyrics across a variety of pop genres have been losing sophistication over the last 10 years, according to an analysis by Andrew Powell-Morse of ticket marketplace SeatSmart.

Powell-Morse analyzed 225 songs that had all spent at least three weeks at number one on the Billboard charts for Pop, Country, Rock, and R&B/Hip-Hop for any given year.

He found that while in 2005-2006 an eight- or nine-year-old might have had trouble with some pop lyrics, that is no longer a problem, with 2014 lyrics dipping to the reading level of a seven- or eight-year-old.

Among his other findings are that men "talk more"

— that is, their songs feature a higher word count — while women "have slightly more intelligent things to say," measured by the U.S. grade level of the texts.

Country came out with the highest reading level, followed by pop and rock with a tie, and R&B/hip-hop had the lowest. Artists who came out on top included Eminem for hip-hop, Carrie Underwood for country, Nickelback for rock and Mariah Carey for pop.



## HEALTH BRIEFS

### Car company puts priority on potty breaks

Toyota knows how important bathroom breaks are on long road trips, so they've developed an app for locating the loo.

Due to roll out Thursday in Japan, the app doesn't just tell you where the toilet is, it gives specifics like how many steps there are into a building, if it is wheelchair accessible, or if it has baby changing facilities.

Created in partnership with the Iseshima Barrier Free Tour Center, a not-for-profit organization that promotes personal "barrier-free" standards for people with special needs, the app will get its official debut at Welfare 2015, a health and welfare exhibition taking place this week in Nagoya, Japan. Initially the app will only offer in-depth information on areas in Japan.

AFP

### Seven hours of sleep a day keeps bad health away

A study from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health has found that while it may not be easy, getting at least seven hours of sleep a day could lessen the negative health consequences for those who do shifts outside the 9-to-5 schedule.

Using 2008-2012 data from the Survey of the Health of Wisconsin, researchers found that shift workers were significantly more likely to be overweight (47.9 per cent vs. 34.7 per cent for traditional schedule workers). They also had more sleep problems, including insomnia (23.6 per cent vs. 16.3 per cent) and insufficient sleep (53.0 per cent vs. 42.9 per cent).

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# VW Golf stands test of time



JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

## THE CHECKLIST 2015 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF

### THE BASICS

**Type.** Four-door, five-passenger compact hatchback  
**Engine (hp/torque).** 1.8-litre turbo four-cylinder (170/185)

**Transmission.** Five-speed manual or six-speed automatic

**Price.** Base \$19,995, as tested, \$32,090 (plus destination)

### POINTS

- The Golf is currently the only non-premium vehicle to offer a diesel engine in a hatchback or station wagon.
- The infotainment screen has a proximity sensor to bring up the menu when you put your hand near it.



JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

### COOL FEATURES

- Available: auto-dimming high-beams
- Fender stereo system
- Panoramic dual-pane sunroof
- Forward collision warning
- Rain-sensing wipers
- Sport seats and suspension
- Rearview camera

### MARKET POSITION

- Originally sold as the Rabbit in Canada when it debuted for 1975, the Golf went on to become a bestseller for the company. Volkswagen generally plays it safe with its styling changes, and most of this all-new model's upgrades are under the skin.

### THE COMPETITION



**Honda Fit**  
Base price: \$14,575



**Mazda3 Sport**  
Base price: \$16,995



**Kia Forte5**  
Base price: \$19,495

### REVIEW

## Roomier 2015 model feels solid, yet light to drive

**Jil McIntosh**  
For Metro

Talk about longevity: the Volkswagen Golf is now 40 years old, and in that time, the company has made more than 30 million copies. And now, for 2015, there's a new one.

You might not even notice if you're not really familiar with it, because the styling changes are relatively minor. But it rides on a new platform, and it's slightly longer and wider for more interior space.

A two-door hatchback version starts at \$18,995, while the four-door begins at \$19,995.

A station wagon is also available. A diesel engine is offered, but this reviewer drove the turbocharged gasoline 1.8-litre four-cylinder. And there's one more choice in all three Golf trim lines: five-speed manual or six-speed automatic transmission.

No car stays around that long if it doesn't have the chops. The Golf feels solid but not heavy, and its steering is almost perfectly weighted, with

enough heft to feel in control, but still light enough that you can spin it easily into a parking space. There is virtually no lag in its peppy turbo engine, and the automatic shifts smoothly and almost imperceptibly. This car is just a joy to drive.

Don't prejudice if you initially find the seats too hard. They're not cushy, but they're extremely supportive, and unlike many softer seats, they'll stay comfortable for hours.

The car Metro took for a drive had the top Highline trim, which includes leather seats, rain-sensing wipers, twin-pane panoramic sunroof, and an auto-dimming mirror, for \$29,895. The vehicle also included an optional package of premium stereo, navigation, LED running lights, forward collision warning, and adaptive high-intensity headlights for another \$2,195.

**“No car stays around that long if it doesn't have the chops”**

An issue with the Golf is that while the interior is put together very well, its plain and plastic-heavy appearance can be at odds with the top trim's price. It's fine in the \$20,000 model, but doesn't look upscale enough at \$32,000.

That aside, 30 million fans can't be wrong. The Golf is practical, but it's also a good performer. Even if you only buy a car as a commuter, there's no reason why it can't be fun to drive, as well.

### DESIGN

# New Camaro muscles in on Mustang's turf

The new Camaro is lighter, smaller, faster and built around the needs of dedicated drivers, and could easily be mistaken for a European rather than an American sports car.

Chevrolet claims that in order to deliver something special, it focused on three pillars: performance, technology and design, plus feedback from current Camaro owners.

“(They) provided direct feedback on what they loved about their car and

what they wanted for the next-gen Camaro,” said Al Oppenheiser, Camaro chief engineer.

“As a result, the 2016 Camaro builds on what made the current Camaro such a success with more power, more agile handling and more technology,” he said.

However, there was also another aspect at play dictating how the new Camaro would look and feel — the new Ford Mustang which itself has been redefining

benchmarks. And on paper, each new Camaro model seems to trump its Mustang equivalent.

The new SS model boasts a body honed by 350 hours in the wind tunnel, a 455hp, 6.2-litre V8 from a Corvette Stingray, a six-speed manual transmission, Brembo brakes and optional magnetic ride control.

Still, plump for any of the new engines on offer, from the 2-litre, turbocharged four-cylinder unit to the new

3.6-litre V6, the resulting car will offer economy (via cylinder deactivation technology), performance and agility in equal measure.

In terms of technology, the new car can be configured and customized to suit an individual owner's tastes, from throttle response to suspension set-up.

The sixth-generation Camaro will go on sale in the U.S. later this year and will arrive on European shores next year. AFP



The new Chevrolet Camaro SS. CHEVROLET



# Cars fuelled Letterman's material

## AUTO PILOT

**Mike Goetz**



It's getting awfully late for The Late Show with David Letterman. In fact there is precisely one show left, and it will be broadcast tonight at 11:30 p.m. ET.

After that, TV screens will not exactly go dark on weekdays at 11:30, but for David Letterman fans, yours truly included, it will seem a little darker than usual, at least during a suitable grieving period.

Dave's first late show, Late Night with David Letterman, debuted in 1982. Since then, the talk-show host has thrown watermelons off buildings, put on a Velcro suit and flung himself against a Velcro wall, and crushed various things in a hydraulic press.

Letterman is also a real "car guy," and wasn't shy about showing that side of himself on the show. Check out Dave's visit to Jerry Seinfeld's Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee, to hear Dave talk cars and watch Jerry drive one of Letterman's prized vehicle possessions — a 1995

Volvo 960 Wagon stuffed with a Ford V8 racing engine.

Born and raised in Indianapolis, Ind., and a big fan of Indy-car racing, Letterman routinely invited the Indy 500 race winner on the show, and then became involved in the sport, as a co-owner of the successful Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing team.

Canadian car enthusiasts can also be proud of how Letterman brought to prominence Richard "Dick" Assman, the gas station operator from Regina, Sask. Yes, we should be so proud, of how Dave referenced him continu-

ously on the show for about a month, and seemed unable to help himself to the wordplay comedy that was possible by just saying "Assman the Gasman."

So thanks Dave, for all that late-night comedy, automotive and otherwise. Here are some entries of Dave's famous Top 10 lists that had something to do with cars and/or driving:

### Top 10 Things that Will Get You Kicked Out of Disney World

- Driving down Main Street USA

with Bambi's mother strapped to your fender

### Top 10 Summer Jobs in Hell

- Human Axle, Raymond Burr's Town Car

### Bigfoot's Top 10 Peeves

- Driver's licence photo makes him look like Gregg Allman

### Top 10 Ways to Add Excitement to a Long Car Trip

- Play connect the dots with dead bugs on windshield

### Top Ten Perks to Being

### Elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame

- Use of bullpen car for family vacations

### John Gotti's Top 10 Tax Tips

- Guys who escape from the trunk of your car may be considered business losses

### Top 10 Least

### Popular Broadway Shows

- I'm Not Going to Pay a Lot for this Muffler: A Dramatic Reading by James Earl Jones

### Top 10 Ways to Tell You're Possessed

- You don't have to use the rear-view mirror to look at the cars behind you

### Top 10 Peeves of the Ghost of Elvis

- Ghost of Leonardo Da Vinci never really thanked me for the Cadillac I gave him

### Top 10 Unsafe Toys

- Traffic Tag

### The Easter Bunny's Top 10 Pet Peeves

- Having to cross I-95

### Top 10 Ways Life would be Different if Dogs Ran the World

- All motorists must drive with their head out the car window

### Top 10 Ways American Cars Would be Different if Ralph Nader Had Never Been Born

- Strobe headlights make oncoming traffic look like an old time movie



David Letterman is retiring.

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## + AUTOMOTIVE-INSPIRED LETTERMAN TOP TEN LISTS

### Top 10 Least Popular Roadside Attractions

10. Geraldo-Land
9. Arena Football Hall of Fame
8. Stump Johnson's World of Angry Animals
7. World's Largest Spit Tank
6. Catch-Your-Own Wasp Ranch
5. Recreation of Vin Scully's boyhood home
4. One-eyed Elf Dodgeball Cage
3. You-Hit-It, We-Cook-It Roadkill Grill
2. The Enhanced Mitten
1. Giant Shirtless Santa Claus

### Top 10 Rejected Model Names for Cars

10. Pontiac Cyst
9. Dodge Glove
8. Oldsmobile Beiruter
7. Nissan Spleen
6. Chevy Junta
5. Hyundai Accordion
4. Mazda Eczema 500
3. Dodge Johnson
2. Yugo Screw Yourself
1. Ford Gelding

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# E-truck to begin tests this summer

## BOLT EV

### GM confirms e-car's name

General Motors' upcoming mass-market pure electric car will be called the Bolt EV, the company confirmed. The hatchback will debut in 2016 as a 2017 model. It will have a range of more than 320 kilometres and will be sold across the U.S. and Canada. The car is "a significant statement" of Chevrolet's commitment to electrification, and the name suits this vehicle designed for attainability, GM said.



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## TRANSPORT

### BMW touts 'green' vehicle

The BMW Group has partnered with logistics company SCHERM Group on a 35-tonne pure-electric truck to move goods on Germany's roads this summer. The truck emits no carbon dioxide and virtually no particle pollution, BMW said, adding the truck will generate 10.7 metric tonnes less carbon dioxide per year, compared to an equivalent diesel-engine truck.



## THE GREEN ANGLE

Metro's weekly picks for the latest in environmental news

## CONCEPTS

### Cow dung to fuel G-Code

The Mercedes-Benz Vision G-Code concept that debuted at the recent Geneva Motor Show in Switzerland pioneers advanced conceptual thinking, including being powered by methane derived from cow dung, but don't expect to see it on public roads anytime soon, writes Britain's CAR magazine. Its combustion engine runs on hydrogen derived from methane with supplemental plug-in hybrid drive. Basically, the engine drives the front wheels and the electric motor drives the rear wheels. Its "multi-voltaic silver" paint is not only supposed to act as a giant solar cell, but is also electrostatically charged by wind to help keep the batteries topped up, while more energy is harvested from suspension rebound. CAR magazine says don't expect a vehicle anything like the G-Code until late this century.



## HYBRIDS

### North America may get Rogue

Nissan has added a hybrid version of its popular Rogue tall wagon to its Japan lineup, and might bring it to North America, reports industry watchdog Automotive News. Nissan did not announce overseas sales plans, but is considering a possible U.S. introduction of a Rogue hybrid, said chief engineer Nobusuke Toukara. U.S. hybrid production is expected to increase over the next five years as vehicle-emission rules become more stringent, and Nissan wants to have a hybrid ready, if necessary, he said.



## + ENVIRONMENT

### U.S. could rely on flex-fuel vehicles to fill mandate

The U.S. wants to cut greenhouse-gas emissions from its government's 655,000-vehicle fleet by 30 per cent over the next 10 years. Hitting the target might mean buying more "flex fuel" models that run on ethanol or gasoline, notes Green Car Reports. Emissions rules allow taking credit by buying them despite most "never burning a drop of E85 (an ethanol fuel blend), which is available at fewer than 2 per cent of gas stations nationwide."



# Nothing short of amazing

## NHL PLAYOFFS

### Top scorers proving once again that size isn't everything

The Stanley Cup playoffs can be a roller-coaster ride with climbs and drops, unpredictable twists and turns. But there's no sign that reads: "You must be this tall to ride."

If that existed, there'd be no room for Tyler Johnson of the Tampa Bay Lightning or Johnny Gaudreau of the Calgary Flames. Johnson is favourably listed at five-foot-eight and Gaudreau at five-foot-nine, yet they've been larger than life in this post-season.

Johnson, Gaudreau and even

sub-six-foot players like Patrick Kane of the Chicago Blackhawks, Sami Vatanen of the Anaheim Ducks, Brendan Gallagher of the Montreal Canadiens and Carl Hagelin of the New York Rangers are proving that the playoffs can be a small guy's game.

"You don't have to be 6-4. You don't have to be Corey Perry or Ryan Getzlaf," NHL director of hockey operations Colin Campbell said. "Talent comes in all sizes now."

With all due respect to Randy Newman, short people have plenty of reasons to live and thrive in hockey today. Stricter enforcement of penalties after the 2004-05 lockout brought more speed to the game and opened the ice for more

little guys

than back when Theo Fleury broke the mould.

In 2010, 5-8 Danny Briere, then of the Philadelphia Flyers, led the playoffs in scoring. In 2011, 5-8 Martin St. Louis and 5-9 Brad Marchand of the Boston Bruins were among the leaders.

Three of the playoffs' top five scorers in these playoffs are under six feet: Johnson, Kane and Lightning winger Nikita Kucherov.

"The one thing about smaller guys, bigger players always have to play themselves off teams," Lightning coach Jon Cooper said. "Smaller players always have to play themselves on teams. As a smaller player, I believe you have to set yourself apart in some

aspect. You have to be better than

everybody else."

Johnson has been precisely that with a playoff-best 11 goals and 16 points. Gaudreau led the Flames in playoff scoring to cap

off an impressive rookie season.

Size isn't on Johnson's mind, nor is being passed over in three different NHL drafts when 632 other players got picked. But the 24-year-old recognizes hockey's changing landscape.

"It's just one of those things that the smaller guys, even Marty St. Louis, kind of

opened doors for the smaller guys to get into the league," Johnson said.

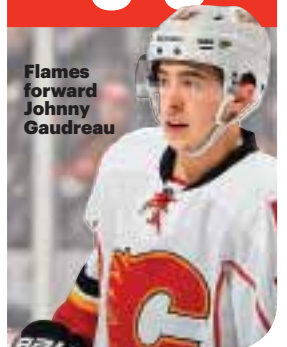
"You see guys growing up that have the size and kind of the pedigree and everything. A lot of those guys aren't playing any more. I just always had to work hard."

Asked last round what stood out about Johnson, Tampa Bay teammate Jason Garrison quipped: "Other than he's short?" When he stopped smiling he explained that while Johnson may be short in stature, he's long on work ethic.

But Johnson and Gaudreau

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Flames forward Johnny Gaudreau



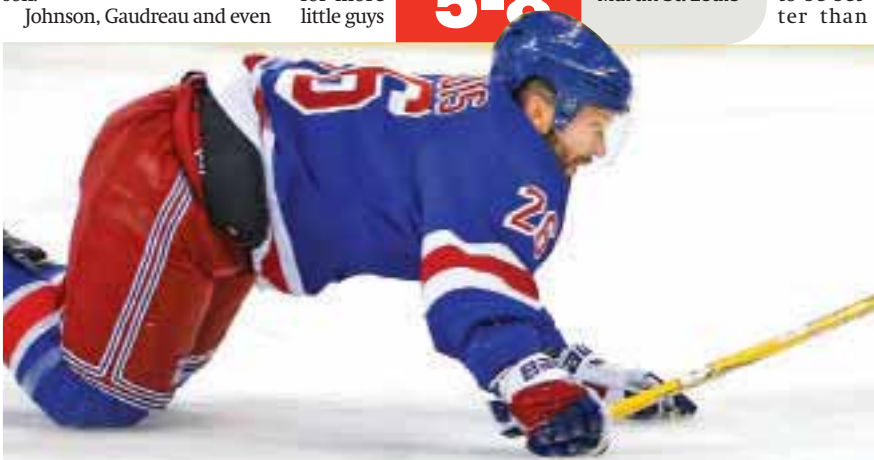
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Lightning forward Tyler Johnson



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Rangers forward Martin St. Louis



Martin St. Louis, left, could do little to stop fellow small dude Tyler Johnson in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference final on Monday night. Johnson had a hat trick in the Lightning's 6-2 win and leads playoff scoring with 16 points. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

didn't get to NHL stardom just from the chip on their shoulders about their height or even long hours on the ice. They're superbly talented, too, and that's in display in the playoff spotlight.

"You look at a Gaudreau, his hockey sense is off the charts, better than most. That's why he survives," Cooper said. "Tyler Johnson, his speed, his competitiveness. That's what sets these guys apart."

Campbell is proud of how much value is on speed and skill nowadays with coaches, general managers and scouts saying, "If you can't skate, you can't play." That's even true in the playoffs, where the physicality ramps up and defences clamp down.

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Go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) for coverage of Game 2 of the Blackhawks-Ducks series on Tuesday night.

## COACHING DECISION

### Oilers get their man in McLellan

Todd McLellan said he saw something in Taylor Hall and Jordan Eberle at the recent world hockey championship.

And when he became head coach of the Edmonton Oilers on Tuesday, he pointed to the promise of those young players as a big part of his decision.

The Oilers made the announcement two days after McLellan coached Canada — including Hall and Eberle — to gold at the world championship in Prague.



Todd McLellan THE CANADIAN PRESS

McLellan appeared to be Edmonton's top target since Peter Chiarelli took over as general manager earlier this month. After the Oilers won the draft lottery for the right to select Connor McDavid, Chiarelli met with McLellan in Prague and hammered out a deal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### Babcock in talks with Sabres, source says

Though a deal was not completed, Detroit Red Wings coach Mike Babcock had negotiations with the Buffalo Sabres on Tuesday regarding the possibility of becoming their next head coach.

The talks took place between Babcock and Sabres general manager Tim Murray and began early in the day, a person familiar with discussions said. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Pats owner backs off appeal

Now that Patriots owner Robert Kraft is not appealing his team's punishments in the deflated footballs scandal, only his quarterback's challenge remains.

Moments after Kraft said Tuesday he won't oppose the \$1 million fine and loss of two draft choices the NFL penalized the team for its role in using underinflated footballs in the AFC championship game, the players' union reasserted that Tom Brady's appeal will go forward. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## CFL

### MLSE head strikes Argos deal: Source

The Toronto Argonauts have found a new home and owner.

Two league sources confirmed Tuesday the CFL team has been sold to Bell and MLSE chairman Larry Tanenbaum. The official announcement will be made Wednesday.

The sources say the deal also includes a lease agreement for the Argos to begin play at BMO Field as early as next season. That's pending renovations needed to accommodate the CFL field but they're expected to be com-



Larry Tanenbaum TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

pleted in time for the football franchise to play at the lakefront stadium in 2016.

The Argos will play this season at Rogers Centre. Their lease there is to expire after the 2017 campaign although they have the option of leaving earlier if they find a new venue. THE CANADIAN PRESS



## RECIPE Smoked Salmon and Goat Cheese Cucumber Slices



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- 3 oz smoked salmon
- ½ cup goat cheese
- 3 Tbsp low-fat yogurt
- 1 tsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 4 tsp chopped fresh dill
- 24 slices cucumber (¼ inch thick)

#### Directions

1. Combine the goat cheese, yogurt and lemon juice until

smooth, using a food processor or by hand.

2. Dice the smoked salmon and set aside 24 small bits for garnish. Add the remaining salmon and the dill to the yogurt-cheese mixture.

3. Divide the mixture evenly among the cucumber slices. Garnish with the reserved salmon bits.

#### Nutrition per cucumber slice (recipe serves 6)

- Calories 14
- Protein 1 g
- Carbohydrates 0 g
- Fibre 0 g
- Total fat 1 g
- Saturated fat 0.1 g
- Cholesterol 4 mg
- Sodium 66 mg
- Fiber 0 g

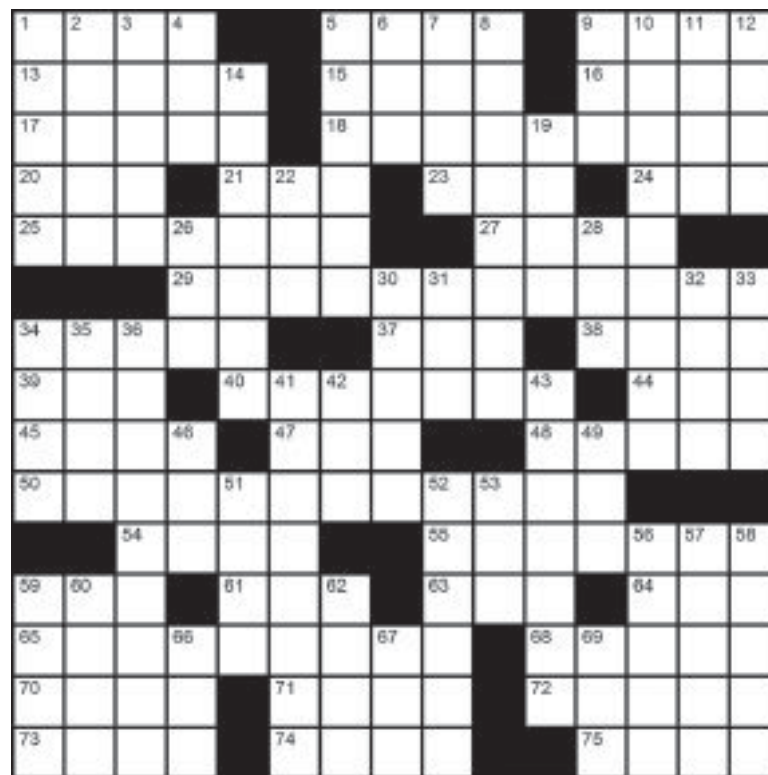
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

### ACROSS

1. Earthen pot type
5. Foreboding
9. Quebec city on the Saguenay River
13. Montreal-born actress, Tara Spencer-
15. Writer, wee-ly
16. Envisioned
17. Little Richard's "Frutti"
18. Mine (Nickel mine in Sudbury)
20. "\_\_\_ you sure?"
21. "\_\_\_ need to talk to you." ...said the agent to Mr. Pacino
23. Ms. West
24. Deuce
25. Ideal model
27. Alaskan city
29. "The \_\_\_" (APTN show on which a panel of comedians discuss current events with host Michael Hutchinson)
34. Scrooge
37. Tokyo, once
38. Captain Hook's sidekick
39. Suffix meaning 'Sort of'
40. They speak louder than words
44. High sch. math
45. Mix
47. Promos
48. Cheryl of "Curb You Enthusiasm"
50. Places to pick up milk, the paper, 6/49 tickets, etc.:
54. Norse epic
55. Northern flights provider headquar-



61. "\_\_\_ Mine" by The Beatles
63. Increase
64. TV brand
65. Settlers of The New World
68. Elliptical path

70. Above
71. Behind
72. Beatles 'Revolver' song: "For \_\_\_"
73. Cozy retreat
74. Punt
75. Energy units

### DOWN

1. Available for pour-

- ing: 2 wds.
2. Ex-Pres. Bush's wife
3. Less heavy, in diet food advertisements
4. Auction ware
5. Veneer
6. France's li'l locale

7. "Up and \_\_\_!" (Rise and shine!)
8. Welsh goddess sharing the name of a Fleetwood Mac hit
9. Strong wood
10. Big name departing late night TV tonight
11. Feline's utter-

- ance
12. Latin 'year'
14. \_\_\_ Falls, Ontario
19. Cartography subj.
22. "\_\_\_ Grant"
26. Brewery brew
28. Docs
30. Art gallery crime
31. Oath-taker's words
32. River to the Ubangi
33. Ms. Tilly's
34. Filing cabinet abbr.
35. "That's all there \_\_\_ it!"
36. "Mama Said": 1961 hit for The \_\_\_
41. Chocolate bar with a 'Secret' sealed in a Toronto vault
42. QB's feats
43. Character on "The Big Bang Theory"
46. Circular, curtly
49. Doctrine
51. Mag gig, \_\_\_-Chief
52. Ric of The Cars
53. "Way cool."
56. Ann \_\_, Michigan
57. \_\_\_ on the cake
58. Appraises
59. Computer graphic
60. Theme of many songs
62. Mr. Morales
66. Bit of food
67. Transport for T.O. commuters
69. \_\_\_ v. Wade

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

### ♈ Aries March 21 - April 20

Can you tell fact from fiction? When confronted with two sets of figures today you must not just assume that what the experts tell you is right. Use your powers of logic to cut through the hype.

### ♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21

If there is something you have left unfinished, then get on with it today and get it out of the way once and for all. When the Sun leaves your birth sign tomorrow you will have more important things to worry about, so do it now.

### ♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21

The Sun moves into your birth sign tomorrow and if you are smart you will spend the next 12 to 24 hours tying up loose ends. After that it's all systems go.

### ♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23

You have nothing to be worried about and everything to look forward to over the next few days and you need to keep reminding yourself of that fact. The Sun's change of signs tomorrow will challenge you to always be positive.

### ♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

You will be putting yourself about over the next two or three days, especially on the work front where you can sense that the present confusion and chaos will give rise to new opportunities.

### ♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

As the Sun crosses the career angle of your chart tomorrow the next two or three days are going to be extremely important for your ambitions. If ever there was a time to set your sights higher that time is now. Be the best.

### ♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Put your worries behind you and let a big smile spread across your face. Once the Sun moves into your fellow Air sign of Gemini tomorrow there will be no holding you back — it will be love and laughs all the way.

### ♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Partnerships won't be so intense as from this evening, which is good, but that does not mean you can ignore them altogether. In fact, joint financial ventures are still hugely important, so make sure you know what others are doing with your money!

### ♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You are about to enter a more positive phase but that does not mean you can do as you please. The Sun's entry into your opposite sign tomorrow is a boost but it is also an invitation to

work more closely with partners.

### ♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Over the next few days you will need to get a bit more serious about your work and your wellbeing. Not that there's anything to worry about but you do need to pace yourself better.

### ♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

One of the best times of the year is about to begin and when the Sun changes signs tomorrow there will be no stopping you. Just remember to pause and enjoy the moment once in a while. Live in the present.

### ♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20

Whatever new chores and duties come your way over the next few days you can still have fun. Loved ones will go out of their way to make life enjoyable for you.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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Of all the beverage containers that weren't recycled, how many were yours?







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